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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BLUM/LISSAKERS

REF: STATE 281513; FRANKFURT 8431; BONN 19813

1. PER PARA 7 STATE REFTEL, BLUM AND LISSAKERS IN ORIGINAL REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED DESIRE DISCUSS CO-DETERMINATION WITH EMBASSY, ACCG, AND FRG LABOR AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. DEPARTMENT (EUR/CE) POINTED OUT THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH DID NOT CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE FOR EMBASSY BONN TO REQUEST SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR STAFFDEL AS USG HAS NOT DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH FRG LABOR AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND WOULD NOT WISH REQUEST FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS TO BE CONSTRUED AS INTERVENTION IN FRG LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

2. BLUM SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN JANUARY 2. LOWENSTEIN REAFFIRMED RELUCTANCE OF DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY BONN TO BECOME INVOLVED IN REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS. BLUM SAID US CORPORATIONS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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LOBBYING GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND HE SAW NO REASON WHY SENATE

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SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE PRECLUDED FROM HEARING BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY -- THAT IS, BOTH FROM CORPORATIONS DOING LOBBYING AND FRG LABOR AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS BEING LOBBIED. LOWENSTEIN SUGGESTED THAT BLUM COULD ARRANGE

APPOINTMENTS ON HIS OWN THROUGH GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OR THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS AND THUS NOT INVOLVE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. BLUM AGREED.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS OFFERED PROVIDE STAFFDEL WITH BRIEFING ON CO-DETERMINATION AND HAS ADVISED THAT EMBASSY COULD ALSO PROVIDE SUCH BRIEFING.

4. FYI: STAFFDEL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEEK REACTIONS FROM FRG LABOR AND GOVERNMENT PEOPLE THEY MEET ON ACCG TACTICS AND WILL ATTEMPT DETERMINE WHETHER USG HAS OR INTENDS TO INTERVENE IN MATTER. INGERSOLL

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